

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

[4-309.1.

The Department, in consultation with the Baltimore City Public School System, shall design a principal development initiative that will match distinguished principals from outside the system and action support teams with principals in training in the Baltimore City Public School System.]

SECTION 2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005 2006.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 409

(House Bill 1017)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Small Group Market - Premium Rates
Joint Legislative Task Force on Small Group Market Health Insurance

~~FOR the purpose of altering the factors a carrier may use to adjust the community rate for certain health benefit plans offered in the small group market to include health status; establishing certain limitations on the use of age and health status in adjusting the community rate; repealing a certain limit on the rate a carrier may charge based on adjustments to the community rate; authorizing a carrier to use certain health statements and health screenings to establish certain premium rates; prohibiting a carrier from limiting coverage or refusing to issue a health benefit plan to a certain small employer based on a health status related factor; establishing that it is an unfair trade practice for a carrier to knowingly provide coverage to a small employer that discriminates against certain individuals under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health benefit plans offered in the small group market.~~

FOR the purpose of establishing a Joint Legislative Task Force on Small Group Market Health Insurance; providing for the composition, chairs, staffing, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the presiding officers and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; ~~providing for the termination of this Act;~~ and generally relating to a Joint Legislative Task Force on Small Group Market Health Insurance.